Setting up of oil refinery in Orissa

1999. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are exploring the possibility for setting-up Oil Refineries in the country in the private or joint sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of progress made so far on the Indian Oil Corporation's proposal to set up Oil Refinery in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Mangalore Refinery is being set up as a joint venture. No decision has been taken to set up any refinery entirely in the private sector.

(c) The proposal is under consideration of the Government.

Production of crude

2000. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC) has changed its crude oil production targets thrice in the recent past;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that there has been decrease in the crude production in the country during the last three years inspite of the increased ONGC personnel and the infrastructure remaining the same;

(d) if so, what are the reasons for decrease in crude oil production; and

(e) what action Government propose to take to increase the crude production in the country?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) There has been a shortfall in production of crude oil during 1990-91 to the extent of approx. 2.66 million tonnes against the target fixed in the MOU signed between the Government and ONGC.

(c) and (d) Crude oil production in the last three years has been as follows:—

		(*million tonnes*)
(i)	1988-89	32.06
(ii)	1989-90	34.69
(iii)	1990-91	33.00

The reduced production of crude oil in 1990-91 as compared to 1989-90 has been due to leakage from certain subsea pipelines reservoir considerations (pressure decline, increase in GOR and water cut), officers' strike, and delays in implementation of certain schemes.

(e) A number of oil field development projects have been taken up to augment domestic crude oil production.

Joint sector Aromatics project

2001. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the Government is likely to take the final decision on the joint sector Aromatics project near Madras; and

(b) what are the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) No specific date can be indicated for taking a final decision.

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